



Connecticut Business & Industry Association

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**H.B. 5224 An Act Concerning Implied Warranties of Merchantability and the
Return of Consumer Goods.**

Good Afternoon Senator Colapietro and Representative Shapiro and other members of the Committee. My name is Jesmin Basanti and I am Staff Attorney for General Law matters at the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents more than 10,000 companies throughout the state of Connecticut, ranging from large corporations to small businesses, but the vast majority of our members are small businesses of fifty or fewer employees.

CBIA generally does not support legislation that has the potential to increase consumer and employer costs; creates new administrative burdens on employers; or limits employers' flexibility when handling the sale of their products and/ or services.

We believe that H.B. 5224 has the potential to be costly, burdensome and have other unintended consequences on both consumers and merchants in the following ways:

- Prevent consumers from getting same-day or near to service;
- Prevent merchants from providing high level customer service;
- The language does not in any way limit its scope and could be detrimental to industry which it had no intention of touching.

For the above mentioned reasons we oppose HB 5224 and respectfully ask that the committee rejects this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond and I would be happy to answer any question you might have 860.944.8775 or Jesmin.basanti@cbia.com.